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THE DEFENDANT NOT GUILTY.

United States District Attorney Sims Greatly Disappointed at the Verdict.

SUIT AGAINST THE OIL TRUST FAILS.

Government Case in which Judge Landis Imposed \$29,240,000 Fine Collapsed—Judge Anderson at Chicago Instructed the Jury to Find the Company Not Guilty—Two Points Not Affected by the Decision.

Chicago, March 10.—Judge Anderson today decided to instruct the jury to find the Standard Oil company not guilty. The decision of the court was announced at the close of the argument by Assistant District Attorney Wilkerson, and the jury was immediately summoned and instructed to return a verdict of not guilty.

Two points not affected.

This means that all but two of the pending indictments against the Standard Oil company of Indiana are void and will be abandoned by the government. The two cases not affected by today's decision are cases involving the shipment of 1,915 carloads of oil from Whiting, Ind., to Evansville, Ind., via the Chicago and North Western, over the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad.

Judge Anderson's Charge in Part.

Judge Anderson's charge to the jury follows, in part:

Gentlemen of the jury: I have made up my mind to end this case. You, as jurors, have a perfunctory office to perform and the evidence you have heard, as presented by the government, may have given you some opinion of your own as to how this case should be decided. You have no arbitrary power. Neither have I, as a federal judge, any such power. I am bound by the law, as you are.

When the United States court of appeals lays down the law we are bound by our oaths to obey this law.

The Standard Oil company has been indicted, and the government avers in its indictment that a rate of 18 cents per hundred pounds on shipments of oil was a fixed standard, and that regardless of this the Chicago and North Western gave the defendant concessions, allowing it to ship oil at a rate of six cents.

The government failed to prove this charge. Should this jury find the defendant guilty, as I know the United States court of appeals would, the government of the United States would be bound by this verdict.

FREE FERRIES ACROSS THE CONNECTICUT RIVER.

Largely Attended Hearing at Hartford—Interesting Discussion.

Hartford, Conn., March 10.—The committee on roads, rivers and bridges held its hearing this afternoon on the matter of state ferries on the Connecticut river. The hearing was largely attended and there was much discussion of an interesting nature. The committee took up the bill introduced by Senator E. H. Penn concerning free ferries across the Connecticut river. Mr. Penn showed that the state aid in the different ferries has been increased by the increase of the demands of traffic. He then took up the measure which provides for free ferries on the Connecticut river, and based his contention in favor of the measure that a bridge part of a road, therefore, as the state is paying for one portion of the state roads, there should be no discrimination against ferries, and that the bridges are ought to be maintained by the state.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH.

Not So Seriously Impaired as Reports Would Indicate.

London, March 10.—No alarm is felt here concerning the health of King Edward and no credence is placed in the reports that he is seriously ill. Indeed, it is said that the king's general condition has improved since his departure from London. Rumors concerning the king's health have been current since his visit to Rome, but it is learned from an authoritative source that his majesty's general health is remarkably good for a man of his years. It is true that he suffers from an affection of the throat, due to a cold, which at times is troublesome, but it is not so serious as the reports which would lead to the belief that the king has aged much, and become quite infirm. The king's health is not so seriously impaired as reports would indicate.

THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

Recommendations Which Will Be Submitted to the House.

Washington, March 10.—It was authoritatively learned tonight that the new tariff bill which will be submitted to the house at the special session by the ways and means committee, will contain the following recommendations:

Lead and copper, no change. Sugar, no change. Iron ore, placed on free list. Rails and billets, substantially reduced. Pig iron, 35 per cent. reduction. Textile, graduated tariff on high-grade cotton, and on silk goods an increased tariff. On minimum grade, no change; on low grade, a reduced tariff.

OBITUARY.

Dr. William H. Sage.

Woodbury, Conn., March 10.—Dr. William H. Sage, aged 84 years, died this afternoon at his home here. He was one of the wealthiest residents hereabouts and a father of Dr. Henry Sage of New Haven.

Dr. Sage was one of the oldest graduates of Yale university, having received his diploma from the Yale medical school in 1849.

Rockville.—The members of the Rockville division of Hiernians will have their observance of St. Patrick's day in their hall on Monday evening. There will be an address by Augustine Louganigan of Hartford, formerly of Rockville.

Cabled Paragraphs.

Oxford, England, March 10.—The team selected by Oxford for the Oxford-Cambridge games includes the following Rhodes scholars: Putting the weight, G. E. Putnam, Kansas; 11, G. Herring, Princeton. One hundred yard dash, L. C. Hull, Michigan; J. W. McDowell, Iowa. Quarter mile, L. C. Hull.

Algers, March 10.—Twenty-four of the ringleaders of the attempt made last December by members of the foreign legion of the French army to deposed the Moroccan monarch, were sentenced today by a court martial to terms of imprisonment varying from two to twenty years. Most of the convicted men are Germans.

London, March 10.—Great Britain has welcomed the decision reached in Washington to send a special commission to Liberia to investigate and report on conditions in that republic. Instructions have been sent to British officials in West Africa to give the commissioners every assistance, while the British government has indicated it has been requested to do the same.

BIG GAME WAITING FOR THE ROOSEVELT EXPEDITION.

Thirty-two Lions Seen in One Group Yesterday, to Say Nothing of Giraffes and Elephants.

Mombasa, British East Africa, March 10.—Mombasa is preparing already to welcome Theodore Roosevelt to the city. The latter part of the next month on his march across Africa, and the coming of the president of the United States to the city of Mombasa, is the interest in the present hunting season. The governor of the protectorate, Sir John Scott, is getting up a programme of welcome and entertainment for the distinguished visitor, but notwithstanding the fact that the president is expected to be more to the great sportsman whose fame is well known to the hunters than to the former president.

THE SILVER DART.

MADE TWO LONG FLIGHTS.

Flying Machine in Straightaway and Turning Trials.

Baddeck, N. S., March 10.—Under guidance of Douglas McCurdy, the flying machine Silver Dart of the Aerial Experiment Association, made two long flights today over a measured course above the lake near Baddeck, N. S. The distance traveled during the two trials aggregated nineteen miles.

Both flights were made in a straight line over a measured route of four miles, marked at half mile intervals. The first flight was made by Mr. McCurdy, and the second by Mr. Taylor. The machine was a biplane, and was built by the Aerial Experiment Association, which experiments will now be resumed.

POWERS OF INSURANCE AGENTS.

A Matter Said to Sometimes Work Injustice to a Policyholder.

Hartford, March 10.—The committee on insurance, a sub-committee of the legislature, is holding a hearing on the powers of insurance agents. The committee is considering a bill which would limit the powers of insurance agents, and would require them to be licensed. The committee is also considering a bill which would require insurance agents to be bonded.

SNIPIS LAKE GROVE SOLD.

To the Rockville Aqueduct Company—Summer Resort Ended.

Rockville, Conn., March 10.—Snipis Lake Grove was sold today by its owner, A. D. Thompson, to the Rockville Aqueduct company. The grove, which was a popular summer resort, was sold for \$10,000. The grove was a beautiful one, and was well equipped for a summer resort. The sale was a success, and the grove will now be used as a summer resort for the Rockville Aqueduct company.

ROOSEVELT A STRAPHANGER.

Boards Crowded Car in New York City—Recognized by Few.

New York, March 10.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt came to the city today as a private citizen. Delayed on the morning train, he arrived in the city in the morning rush hour, and he boarded a surface car at the landing in company with a friend of his daughter. On the car, the president found himself a "straphanger."

BEAUTIFUL HOME OF NORMAN E. MACK.

Practically Destroyed.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 10.—Norman E. Mack's beautiful home on Delaware avenue, was practically destroyed by fire tonight. A fire broke out in the house, and it was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

VERMONT FARMER SHOT BY WOMAN.

Eden, Vt., March 10.

Eden, Vt., March 10.—William D. Baker, a farmer, was driving past the home of his neighbor, Peter Shapley, in today. Mrs. Shapley appeared in her doorway and upbraided Baker for his alleged failure to pay her son's wages which she said were due him. Baker drove hastily away, but was stopped by a carbine bullet which crashed through the back of his sleigh and entered his body close to the heart. He is in a critical condition. Mrs. Shapley was arrested.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

At Naples, March 9.

At Naples, March 9. Calabria, from New York via Marsellisa and Larnaca. At Marsellisa, March 8. Madonna, from New York.

Scaling Ladders, Connecticut Legislature.

Fire Nets Used

MANY OPERATIVES RESCUED BY FIREMEN.

HUNDRED GIRLS IN TERROR

On Fourth Floor of Burning New York Manufacturing Building—Two Young Women Jumped from Windows.

New York, March 10.—A fire which broke out late today on the fourth floor of a manufacturing building on lower Broadway caused panic among hundreds of more girls employed there.

Climbed Out on Window Ledges.

Smoke filled the halls and cut off the escape of several who climbed out on the narrow window ledges overlooking Broadway. Most of these were rescued by the firemen, who ran up scaling ladders as soon as they arrived and also spread the fire nets.

Fell into Policemen's Arms.

Two young women, terror stricken, jumped before the firemen could reach them. One of these was caught in a wire net and escaped with a fractured leg. The other fell onto an awning, which held her for a moment and then gave way, dropping her into the arms of a policeman who was standing on the sidewalk. She suffered severe internal injuries.

Property Loss \$7,000.

The only other hurt were two young women who were burned about the head and shoulders. The fire was confined to the fourth floor of the building. The loss was about \$7,000.

THE HOUSE.

The house was called to order at 11:15 by Speaker Banks. Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

From the Governor.

Executive Secretary Goodwin transmitted to the house, from the governor, reports of the bureau of labor statistics, and of the bureau of agriculture and Connecticut agricultural station. These were referred to the several committees interested.

Bridge.

The use of the hall of the house was voted to the committee on rivers, roads and bridges for March 16 at 2 p. m.

Committee Reports.

Incorporations.—Unfavorable on house petition No. 29 of Henry H. Davison, of a water company in Pomfret. The report was accepted and the petitioners given leave to withdraw.

Judge Ralph Wheeler.

Under suspension of the rules the house voted by ballot on the appointment of Judge Ralph Wheeler to the superior court bench, whose nomination was reported favorably by the committee on judiciary. Mr. Burnes, who had introduced the nomination, was present.

Committee on Conference.

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WENT TO BOTTOM IN HALF AN HOUR.

Two Coastwise Steamers, Proceeding in Dense Fog at Half Speed Collide.

A MISUNDERSTANDING OF SIGNALS.

The Horatio Hall of Maine Steamship Co. and the H. F. Dimock of Metropolitan Line Crash Together Near Nantucket—Five Passengers from the Hall Safely Landed on Cape Cod Beach.

Chatham, Mass., March 10.—Blanketed by a dense fog and proceeding at half speed, the well known coastwise steamer, the Horatio Hall, Portland, Maine, and the H. F. Dimock, of the Metropolitan line, New York for Boston, met in the middle of the narrow channel known as Pollock Rip late today with a crash that sent the Hall to the bottom within half an hour and caused the Dimock to run ashore six hours later on Cape Cod beach, where the passengers and crew of the ship were landed without the loss of a single soul.

The Appointment of General Velez as Consul-General to the United States is acceptable to our government.

The Census Bureau Has Published a report showing the mortality during the year 1907 in the registration area.

The New Picture Gallery of the Vatican is to be opened March 18, the new collection embracing 300 canvases.

George Tener Oliver of Pittsburg was named by the joint caucus as the republican candidate for United States senator.

The Georgia Textile Association has issued a call for a textile textile interests of the south at Atlanta, March 16.

Dr. Henry Isaac Jones, a veteran surgeon of the confederate and British services, is dead at his home in Oakland, Cal.

Eight Fish Vessels of the United States navy will take part in the opening ceremony of the Alaskan-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

The Kansas Senate Adopted the report of the committee on the revenue bill, which recommended that the two-cent rate be not passed.

The Schooner John R. Penrose of Philadelphia, which sailed from Philadelphia January 31 for Charleston, has arrived at Bermuda.

J. S. Richardson of South Carolina, chief clerk of the internal revenue bureau, has been proposed to be revenue agent at Philadelphia.

Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American steamship company, says the increase of emigration is a sign of growing prosperity.

Peter H. Smith, formerly a judge of the state supreme court, from which he had been removed on account of failing health, died at Saratoga.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua has called another conference of Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica, with a view to arranging peace for Central America.

The Engagement Was Announced in Paris of Muriel White, daughter of United States Senator J. D. White, to Count Schen-Thomson, an officer of the Russian army.

While Delirious From Illness, Walter H. Merriam, a lawyer, either jumped or fell from the window of his room on the fifth floor of the apartment house at South Street and Central Park West, New York, and was instantly killed. He had been suffering from nervous trouble.

SEATS FOR MOTORMEN ON AIR BRAKE CARS.

Interesting Hearing Before the Committee on Railroads—Two Norwich Men Heard.

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